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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY

1. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL DINITZ WITH THE FOLLOWING
PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME. IT IS NOT A MESSAGE FROM OUR
GOVERNMENT, BUT FROM ME TO DINITZ AS A FRIEND.

2. AT TODAY'S FOUR-POWER LUNCHEON, EACH OF THE EUROPEAN
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RAISED WITH THE PRESIDENT THE ISRAELI
CLAIM OF US SUPPORT FOR THE ISRAELI POSITION IN THE CURRENT
TALKS. THE EUROPEANS HAD ALL BEEN BRIEFED BY THE ISRAELIS
TO THIS EFFECT AND EACH ASKED WHAT IT MEANT. NATURALLY
THE PRESIDENT DENIED THAT THERE WAS A JOINT US-ISRAELI
POSITION IN THE CURRENT TALKS. MOREOVER, IN LIGHT OF THE
DETAILED ISRAELI BRIEFINGS, WE HAVE NOW HAD TO BRIEF
EVERY EUROPEAN IN DETAIL ON THE TALKS. THIS IN TURN WILL
GIVE THE EUROPEANS AN ENTREE INTO THE NEGOTIATING
SITUATION. SOONER OR LATER THE SOVIETS, TOO, WILL
BE WELL ENOUGH BRIEFED ON THE TALKS TO INTERVENE IN
THE DIPLOMACY. IT CAN CERTAINLY NOT BE IN ISRAEL'S
INTEREST TO GIVE THE EUROPEANS AND SOVIETS A WAY INTO
THE MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY. IF THEY THINK THE
EUROPEANS WILL INTERVENE IN A WAY FRIENDLY TO THE
ISRAELIS, THEY ARE, IN MY VIEW, WRONG. THE SOVIETS'
POSITION IS WELL KNOWN, OF COURSE.

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3. FINALLY, AS THEY HAD ASKED, WE HAVE NOT CONTACTED EVRON HERE. HOWEVER, THE BRITISH HAVE TOLD US THAT AS THE DEBATE HAS STARTED, THEY HAVE GIVEN EVRON A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE OF DISCUSSIONS.

4. THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY ANNOYED TO BE CONFRONTED BY THE EUROPEANS WITH THIS ISRAELI ALLEGATION. HOWEVER, I WANT DINITZ TO KNOW THAT I WILL MAINTAIN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO EILTS WHICH I TOLD HIM I WOULD DO. WHAT I HAD PROMISED WAS MY PERSONAL JUDGMENT TO SADAT THAT ISRAEL WAS REACHING THE LIMIT OF FORESEEABLE CONCESSIONS. BUT I MUST SAY THAT THE ISRAELI PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN WILL MAKE THIS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. IF THE ISRAELIS HEAR FROM OTHER SOURCES OF OUR TALKS HERE, THEY SHOULD KNOW THAT IT WAS THE PRODUCT OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN, THE US HAD NO INTENTION OF DISCUSSING THE NEGOTIATIONS HERE.

4. I HOPE DINITZ WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I AM OFFERING HIM THESE OBSERVATIONS AS A FRIEND, AND WITH SOME SADNESS, TO GIVE HIM A PERSONAL FEEL FOR THE SITUATION HERE.
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